

BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Child Care Resource and Referral Center (MCCCR&RC) is a program of the Department of Health and Human Services and a member agency of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network. Funding is provided by Montgomery County Government and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

CORE SERVICES

- ❖ **LOCATE: Child Care 240-777-3130**
Counselors provide families with free referrals to child care centers, family child care homes, nursery schools, Head Start programs, and before and after school and summer programs.
- ❖ **Training/Professional Development 240-777-3203/240-777-3249**
Workshops for child care providers meet the requirements of the MSDE Office of Child Care and the Maryland Child Care Credential. Some technical assistance and funding is also available to support professional development and program accreditation and reference materials are available in the Resource Library.
- ❖ **Technical Assistance 240-777-1457**
Child Care Specialists are available to help licensed child care providers, Center Directors, and Teachers develop new strategies for making program improvements and maintaining licensing standards.

LOCATE: CHILD CARE

In Montgomery County there are approximately 400 child care centers, 1,000 family child care providers, 300 part-time preschool and kindergarten programs and 100 youth camps. Responsibility for selecting an appropriate program rests with each parent. The LOCATE: Child Care database includes information about these regulated* programs and counselors help families make informed decisions.

- ❖ Call 240-777-3130 Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm or leave a message anytime and a LOCATE: Child Care Counselor will return your call during business hours.
- ❖ Search the LOCATE database online at the Maryland Committee for Children's web site at: www.mdchildcare.org and call 240-777-3130 for more information.
- ❖ Download a *Child Care Request* form at www.montgomerycountyme.gov/earlychildhoodservices and fax completed form to Locate: Child Care at 301-279-1812

**Note: All programs in the statewide LOCATE: Child Care database are regulated or approved by the Maryland State Department of Education or certified by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.*

TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshops for child care providers that meet the criteria of the MSDE Office of Child Care are offered by the MCCCR&RC. All workshops support achievement of the Maryland Child Care Credential and are offered at a low-cost.

- ❖ Contact the Training Department at 240-777-3203 for information about upcoming classes offered by the MCCCR&RC.
- ❖ Call MCCCR&RC Professional Development Coordinator at 240-777-3249 for information about the Maryland Child Care Credential, CDA, scholarships available for college courses and funding for program accreditation.
- ❖ Leave a message at our MCCCR&RC Technical Assistance Line at 240-777-1457 for assistance in meeting licensing standards or making program improvements.
- ❖ Visit the MCCCR&RC's Resource Library and use the books, materials, color printer, laminator, die-cut machine and computer. Call 240-777-3108 for hours or to schedule an appointment to use the equipment.

**Note: The Montgomery County Public Libraries also offer free child care training and additional resource materials for child care providers at the Rockville Library. Call 240-777-0140 or visit the website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library*

CONSULTATION SERVICES

The MCCCCR&RC offers onsite and telephone consultation services to parents and child care providers. Professionals are available to assist those concerned about a specific child and those interested in learning new strategies to support all children.

- ❖ Call ChildLink at 240-777-4769 for assistance with child development issues, including behavioral issues and to request onsite or telephone consultation services from an Early Childhood Consultant.
- ❖ Call the Health Consultation line at 240-777-4298 for information about communicable diseases and immunizations. For general child care health questions or to request a visit to your program by a Nurse Health Consultant call 240-777-3128.



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RESOURCES

MSDE Office of Child Care (OCC)
240-314-1400 www.dhr.state.md.us/cca
51 Monroe Street, Suite 200
Rockville MD 20850

The agency that licenses and monitors child care providers according to state regulations.

Child Care Food Program
301-548-7505

Subsidizes cost of meals and snacks in child care with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Care Food Program, Montgomery County Public Schools.

Commission on Child Care
240-777-4659

Advises the County Executive and County Council on child care issues and policies. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Children's Resource Center, 332 W. Edmonston Drive, Rockville.

Infants and Toddlers Program
240-777-3997

Provides free assessment and early intervention services for children between birth and three years old.

Child Find
301-929-2222

Provides free development assessments, and vision and hearing screenings for children two years, 9 months old through 4 years old.



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*Meeting the Child Care
Needs of Families*



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Children's Resource Center
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